

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

Date: August 15, 2005

**JOSÉ M. SANCHEZ**

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**STEVEN L. BESICH**

Clerk of the Board

**TOMMIE C. MARTIN**

Vice-Chairman

By: Marilyn Brewer

Deputy Clerk

**SHIRLEY L. DAWSON**

Member

Gila County Courthouse  
Globe, Arizona

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PRESENT: Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman; Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman; Shirley L. Dawson, Member (participated via telephone conference call); Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk; Marian Sheppard, Chief Deputy Clerk; and, Bryan Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Deputy County Attorney.

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Special Session at 10:00 a.m. this date. Richard Gaona led the Pledge of Allegiance and Father Jay Luczak of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church delivered the Invocation.

John Nelson, Deputy County Manager, requested certification of the tax rates based on the tax levies established by all taxing jurisdictions within Gila County. Mr. Nelson stated that all taxing jurisdictions in the County and State have been going through the same annual budget process as Gila County to set the tax levies. He stated that at this meeting the Board will be certifying the tax rates based on all of the tax levies from all the taxing jurisdictions, and Richard Gaona, Finance Director, will take all of the tax levies and use the 97% calculation rate to calculate the tax rate. Today is the last date to statutorily set the tax rate. Mr. Nelson passed several handouts to the Board and explained that the first page is entitled the Gila County Weighted Average Tax Rate for All Taxing Jurisdictions with FY 2004/2005 compared to FY 2005/2006. The weighted average tax rate is calculated by adding up all of the

tax levies in Gila County and dividing that by the total assessed valuation. Last year the weighted average tax rate was \$13.10 and this year it will be \$12.93, a decrease of \$.17. To the average home owner, the rate decreased 1.3%, but the average home in Gila County increased 2.78%, so there will be an average increase of 1.4% in taxes paid for all taxing jurisdictions, not just Gila County. The other handouts given to the Board and explained by Mr. Nelson included the following: Net Assessed Valuations, Tax Levies, and Tax Rates for Tax Year 2005; Gila County Property Tax Jurisdictions by School District; Gila County Property Tax Jurisdictions by FY 2005/2006 Property Taxes; Gila County Property Tax Jurisdictions by FY 2005/2006 Property Taxes Decrease; and, Gila County Property Tax Jurisdictions by FY 2005/2006 Property Taxes Increase. Mr. Nelson then gave a PowerPoint presentation showing the tax information that will now be available to all residents on the home page of the Gila County website located at <http://www.gilacountyaz.gov>. By selecting the appropriate school district, whether or not you reside within the town/city limits, and selecting if you reside within a special district such as a fire or water improvement district, a resident will then be able to view what their estimated property taxes will be for FY 2005/2006, based on a \$100,000 home. A summary is provided at the bottom of the web page, along with a breakdown for each individual tax with reasons provided for any changes from last year's rate. Priscilla Knuckey-Ralls, Gila County Treasurer, stated that similar tax information would also be provided on the Treasurer's and Assessor's web pages. Mr. Nelson stated that those individuals with no access to the internet are welcome to go to any public library within the County to utilize those computers for accessing the County website. Supervisor Dawson stated that she believes the taxpayers' concerns are how the money is spent, and she looks forward to the time when the public will have confidence in the County by knowing that audits are current and that funds are being accounted for and spent in the categories as stated. Chairman Sanchez stated that his constituents are more concerned with having County services provided such as

health issues, public safety, police protection and properly maintained roads. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, the Board unanimously certified the tax rates based on the tax levies established for all taxing jurisdictions within Gila County. **(A copy of the Net Assessed Valuations, Tax Levies and Tax Rates are permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Dixie Mundy, Elections Director, requested the approval of an Order designating polling places and appointing election workers for the purpose of conducting the Impact Aid Bond Special Election of the Whiteriver Unified School District No. 20 to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005. Ms. Mundy stated there is also one change in this Order which is the request to move the polling place in Canyon Day from the Assembly of God Church to the Canyon Day Junior High School, which is a new school and meets the requirements for handicap accessibility. Upon motion by Supervisor Dawson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Martin, the Board unanimously approved the Order as noted above. **(A copy of the Order is permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors' Office.)**

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Martin, seconded by Chairman Sanchez, the Board approved Consent Agenda items A-D by a 2-0 vote. Supervisor Dawson abstained from voting as she was not able to review the demands in the finance report. The Consent Agenda items approved are as follows:

- A. Approved the July 18, 2005, and August 1, 2005, BOS meeting minutes.
- B. Approved the July 2005 monthly departmental activity reports submitted by the Globe and Payson Regional Justices of the Peace and the Payson Regional Constable.
- C. Approved the personnel reports/actions for the week of August 15, 2005.

**August 15, 2005:**

**Departure from County Service:**

- 1. J.P. Clerk – Globe Justice Court – 08-05-05 – Cost of Prosecution Fund - Kelly Porter – temporary position

Departmental Transfer:

2. GEST One Stop Disability Specialist to CAP Program Manager –  
Community Services – 08-08-05 – Grant Fund – Kelli Robbins

End Probationary Period:

3. Human Service Field Representative II – Public Fiduciary – 07-11-05 –  
General Fund – Richard Kruger
4. Caseworker – Child Support – 08-22-05 – General Fund - Lisa  
McCormack
5. Landfill Equipment Operator I – Solid Waste Management – 08-22-05 –  
Enterprise Fund – Gerald Nenninger

Position Review:

6. Reclassification – Planning & Zoning Assistant III to Planning Manager  
Assistant – Community Development – 08-22-05 – General Fund –  
Beverly Valenzuela
7. Salary Adjustment – Network Support Technician II – M.I.S. – 07-01-05 –  
M.I.S. Fund – Dennis Hanson
8. Salary Adjustment – Computer Services Specialist II – M.I.S. – 07-01-05 –  
M.I.S. Fund – Forrest Bennett
9. Salary Adjustment to receive full 2 ½% COLA – Administrative Services  
Manager – Board of Supervisors – 06-27-05 – General Fund – Janice  
Cook
10. Salary Adjustment to receive full 2 ½% COLA – Records  
Manager/Administrative Assistant – Treasurer – 06-27-05 – General  
Fund – Terri Powell
11. Anniversary Date Increase – 07-25-05 – Thersea Mikeworth
12. Anniversary Date Increase – 08-08-05 – Rosemary Grice, Susan  
Williams
13. Anniversary Date Increase – 08-22-05 – Jacque Durbin, Vicki Pena,  
Donna Smith, Elizabeth Dillon, George Hernandez, Stacey Espinoza,  
Kenneth Hicks, Carlos Ozuna, Billy Williams, Lorraine Dalrymple,

Cynthia Bartholomew, Nancy McBride, Jan McGann, Lucinda Corrente,  
Cynthia Aguilar, Stephanie Canisales

**SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL ACTION ITEMS**

Position Review:

14. Salary Adjustment to receive COLA – Administrative Assistant – Globe  
S.O. – 06-27-05 – General Fund – Toni McEuen
  15. Anniversary Date Increase – 08-22-05 – Tammy Glen, Doreen Spsychala,  
Sandra Estrada, Noreen Valdez
- D. Approved the finance reports/demands/transfers for the week of August  
15, 2005. (separate handout).

**August 15, 2005:**

\$293,902.81 was disbursed for County expenses by voucher numbers  
X146746 through X146748, X146750 through X146790, X371665 through  
X371712, X146789, X146792 through X146831, X371713 through  
X371723, X371725 through X371766, X371768 through X371794,  
X371796 through X371864, X371866 through X371881, X371883 through  
X371923, and X371925 through X371949. The hand-issued warrants  
listing is as follows: voucher number X371655 through X371657 in the  
amount of \$10,106.25.

At this time each Board member and the Chief Administrator were  
presented the opportunity to give a brief summary of current events as allowed  
by A.R.S. §38-431.02(K).

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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Jose M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Steven L. Besich, County Manager/Clerk